

by bonnie dougall

# Schools in China stress practice

Ever heard of productive labour in a kindergarten, learning physics in primary school along with manufacturing parts for city buses, selling the results from chemistry classes to paper-making factories in high school? These are a few of the commonplace occurrences in modern-day China.

Learning that is "not remote from everyday existence" was the theme of a lecture on education in China last night at Royal Victoria College. The talk was given to about 40 students by Neil Burton, a teaching assistant in the East Asian Studies Centre. Burton visited China in the early summer of 1971, among the first group of Canadians to enter the country after the Cultural Revolution.

"Children convey the new spirit of China" said Burton. And so it is at this young age that an attempt is made to give them a "well-developed concept of what

it is to work." This includes everything from recycling cork bottle-tops to raising foods to supplement their diet and assisting in nearby communes.

This process of practical application of ideas continues into primary and high school, with emphasis on solving specific problems rather than an abstract theory. At one class in a Canton machinery depot, students were taught about a tractor fuel system, and then were asked to dismantle and re-assemble it. At another class in physics, the teacher, an electrician by trade, first taught the theory of Ohm's law, and then applied the concepts through the operation of an arc-welding machine.

Continuing education takes many forms. One is the May Seventh Cadre schools where people in managerial or official positions go for six months to a year to "purify" themselves

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NEIL BURTON of McGill's East Asian Study Centre spoke to about 40 interested students last night at RVC on education in China.

by anna dowdall

## Dean Vogel stalls on Vaillancourt firing

The Dean's Committee to decide the fate of Political Science Professor Pauline Vaillancourt, decided yesterday not to decide. Arts Dean Robert Vogel upheld the Board of Governors' recommendation that Vaillancourt's case be put before the Canadian Association of University Teachers (CAUT). The CAUT is a professional association, whose legitimacy is being challenged on campus by the McGill Faculty Union (MFU).

Vaillancourt has been active in recruiting for the MFU, and is its

Secretary and delegate to the CNTU. Her firing has sparked much controversy. The charge has been levelled at the university that her firing was for political reasons, and had nothing to do with her professional competence. Vaillancourt has assembled a closely documented file justifying her request for rehiring, and students have rallied round by flooding Dean Vogel's office with letters of protest.

Having failed to change the opinions of the Poli Sci Department's Committee, the MFU had appealed the case to a special

Committee of the Dean of Arts.

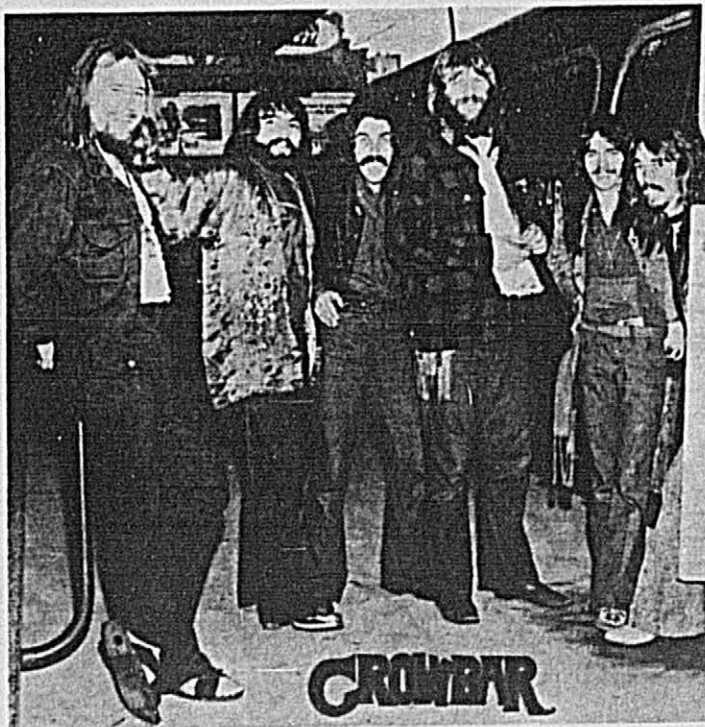
Now that all appeal proceedings within McGill have been exhausted, Vaillancourt has requested her lawyer to take up the legal case against McGill. Vaillancourt feels that submitting at this time to the ruling of CAUT, the MFU's rival, would only prejudice her legal case.

The hearing will open before the Quebec Labour Department in about three weeks.

(The text of MFU statement on the Vaillancourt firing appears on page 5.)



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CROWBAR will be in the Union Ballroom along with Expedition and Sauron for the McGill Winter Carnival Concert, Thursday, Feb. 22, at 8 pm. Tickets on sale at the Union Box Office—\$2.00. At the door—\$2.50.

by ian adelman

## Young Alumni on hijacking

McGill's Young Alumni sponsored a discussion last Tuesday on the problems of hijacking and the varied international responses to it.

One of the panelists was Charles Simpson, the past-president of the Canadian Air Line Pilots Association. Speaking to an audience of about 100 people, Simpson claimed that hijacking is the number one problem facing civil aviation today. He noted that to date, about 500 people, mostly passengers, have died as a result

of hijackings.

"We've given up on legal solutions to the problem," Simpson said. "We've had it with the Canadian government."

Simpson justified tightened airport security measures, as well as the one day walkout by the pilots last June, in the name of civil safety.

He stated that since the new security measures have come

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### STUDENTS' SOCIETY ELECTIONS

ALL PROSPECTIVE CANDIDATES WHO HAVE HANDED IN THEIR NOMINATION PAPERS ARE ASKED TO ATTEND A MEETING WITH THE CHIEF RETURNING OFFICER IN THE STUDENTS' UNION, ROOM 327, on THURSDAY, FEB. 15 at 4 pm.





## classifieds

These ads may be placed in the advertising office at the University Centre from 10 am to 4 pm. Ads received by noon appear the following day. Rates: 3 consecutive insertions—\$3.00 maximum 20 words. 15 cents per extra word.

### MISCELLANEOUS

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**M.O.C.**, important open meeting Wednesday, February 14, 7:30 pm Union Ballroom. Election of new executive. Refreshments.

**M.O.C.** cross country ski races in Shawbridge this weekend Feb. 17 & 18 individual prizes for touring and racing. Members only please.

**M.O.C.** upcoming ski trips. Sunday, Feb. 18 to Mt. Tremblant, Sunday, Feb. 25 to La Reserve. Tows, lessons, bus, \$7.50 members, \$8.50 non-members, at the box office.

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### PERSONAL

**PROBLEMS?** Feel you need to rap with a rabbi? Call Israel Hausman 341-3580.

### LOST

**Lady's Rotary silver colored watch** lost Thursday, Feb. 8 in the vicinity of McLennan Library. Watch has very little monetary value but great sentimental value as it was a gift from my father. Sizeable reward offered. Please call 482-1978

**Reward for recovery** of beige Army Bag containing camera lost in FDA Auditorium Feb. 12 — Sympathy — 931-3764

### ENTERTAINMENT

**KLUTE**, starring Jane Fonda, will be presented on Thursday, February 15 at 6:30, 8:30 and 10:30 pm in Leacock 132 for only 99c. All shows will be on time. A feature presentation of Media McGill.

**Open Party with "THE OVEN"**, Saturday, February 17, 8:30 pm at Sigma Chi, 3458 Peel, 849-5965. Guys: \$1.00. Girls: FREE

**M.O.C.** Square Dance Friday, Feb. 16, 8 pm in the ballroom, members 50c, non-members 75c. Come kick up your heels!

**McGill Film Society** presents **PRESIDENTS ANALYST**, dir. by Slicker with James Coburn, 7:00 and 9:30, PSCA/FDAA 75c, Saturday, Feb. 17, 392-8934.

**MFS presents**: Suspense series — **YOUNG SAVAGES** dir. by John Frankenheimer with Burt Lancaster, 7:00 and 9:30, PSCA/FDAA, Friday, Feb. 16, 50c 392-8934.

**The McGill Film Society** presents **FESTIVAL OF ANIMATION FILM**, Monday, Feb. 19, Saturday, Feb. 24. See the posters or the Daily for more information or telephone 392-8934.

**Risen from the dead!** By popular demand, **Funeral Games**, the touching story of how religion causes insanity and loss of limb, will again be performed by its alleged cast. Watch for it next week, Wednesday and Thursday.

### WANTED

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## Students' Society

### OPEN MEETING

There will be an open meeting of the Students' Society on Wednesday, March 7, at 1 pm in the Union Ballroom.

Topic to be announced.

Students who wish to make any suggestions for the agenda are urged to submit them in writing to the student council office.

**GABOR ZINNER**  
President



## HIJACKING...

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into effect 60 days ago, over 600 people have been apprehended by airport security.

Dr. Bernard Cormier, a clinical psychologist who is currently conducting studies on the personalities of hijackers, told the McGill audience that many hijackers have psychiatric backgrounds and that their goals are usually not political ones.

"The hijackers are simply imbalanced people," he said, "who are seeking a way to escape from their daily lives and hijacking offers them a quick alternative." (An article that appeared in the review section of last Saturday's *Montreal Star*, however, cited Interpol studies which show that more than 60 per cent of hijackings are political). Dr. Cormier classified hijackers into two types: (1) inquisitive, the one who likes to see what will happen and (2) the irrational, or imbalanced. Dr. Cormier said 56 per cent of all hijackers fall into the latter category.

The third and final panelist was Peter Harbison, a law student at McGill. He felt that the pilots should assert pressure on the governments to formulate a solution to hijacking.

He said that if sanctions aren't taken soon to prosecute or extradite hijackers from foreign countries the International Civil Aviation Association may "withdraw service from them for an indefinite period of time."

### POLITICAL RALLY

Attend the rally of U du Q and U de M students, teachers' unions, and university employees, to discuss the government offensive in education and labour. Tonight at 8 pm, in the basement of Eglise St-Louis de France, 750 Roy East.

## CHINA...

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through participating in practical labour. They are totally self-sufficient, building their own houses, growing their own food, and selling any excess produce to obtain needed goods.

Additional education is carried on in "Children's Cultural Palaces." Young children are sent to special places for a month to learn traditional Chinese songs, play traditional musical instruments and other forms of folk-lore and culture. Culture is further extended to the masses through cultural parks, where entertainment includes everything from wild rides to stage events like the one Burton saw of a group of

housewives singing women's liberation songs.

Under-riding all educational processes are the thoughts and feelings of Chairman Mao. Education constantly stresses political attitudes, as summarized in quotations and writings of Mao.

In paintings and statues, the Chinese people are always reminded of the horrors of landlordism so that according to Mao, "class differences will not be allowed to raise their heads again." Propaganda reminds people of how much better they are in People's China than under the previous forms of government.

In all these forms of education the theme is working together, which the Chinese believe is the most appropriate educational system for a country at China's level of development.

## OPTIMISM SPURS EQUIPMENT PURCHASES



## today

### Savoy Society:

Anyone interested in constructing and/or painting sets for the Savoy Society's production of *The Gondoliers* please contact Greg Peterson at 739-6981 after 6 p.m. Experience is an asset but not a requisite (sic).

### Islamic Studies:

Dr. Hermann Landolt of the Institute of Islamic Studies will speak on "Aspects of Islamic Mysticism" at 4 pm in Leacock 830.

### Phi Epsilon

### Honour Society:

Prof. Edward Silver of Management Science from the University of Waterloo, speaking on "Management Science and Engineering". 1-2 pm, room 204 McConnell Building.

### Legal Aid:

Union 412 1-7, 392-8952.

### Great Heart

### Buddhist Monastery:

Meditation each evening between 7 and 8 pm to be held at Durocher and Prince Arthur locations. For info call 844-9429.

### Jean Vanier:

Will be at McGill today at 1 pm in Leacock 219.

### Islandia Coffeehouse:

Features Jazz with the Norm David Quartet and folksinger Cathy Fink. Union Coffee Lounge, 8 pm. Free admission. Entertainment Committee.

### Community McGill:

Volunteers are needed to do remedial work with children at St. Patrick's School during classtime. For more info Union 414, 392-8980, 11-2.

### Kappa Alpha Theta Fraternity:

All women students invited to a free lunch at 546 Milton, apt. 2, from 12-2. Come and meet us!

### Hillel:

Principal Bell will be at Hillel at 1 pm. Presentation on role of student in society, with following question period.

### ISA:

Quebec Carnival Trip to be held March 3-4. Tickets available at Union B-40, 392-8940, from Alice or Hanusia. \$12 per person, incl. bus and room.

### Women's

### Volleyball Team:

Come out and enjoy a good hot meal and support Women's Athletics at same time. Reasonable prices. Currie Gym, 11-2.

### Alpha Gamma

### Delta Fraternity:

All women invited for cheese fondue 12-2 pm 3563 University, apt. 10. Good food and good company.

### Committee to form a Science Undergrad Society:

All those collecting petitions for the Committee are requested to bring them to room N 2/8 Stewart Biology Building at lunch.

### Christian Fellowship:

Third in series "The Psychology

of Conversion" with Ramez Attalah. 3521 University, 6:30 pm.

### Fencing Club:

Lessons for beginners and intermediates at 6:30. Club meets after as usual. Currie Gym.

### Centre for Developing Area Studies:

Milton Santos will speak on Spatial Time and the Organization of Space in the Third World. 12-2, 3437 Peel.

### SCM-Yellow Door:

Tonight — Mike Allen, 8-12 pm. Eat cheaply from 12-2 pm every day. 3625 Aylmer, 392-4947.

### Every Day I Am:

Montreal Jazz Workshop — tonight, 9-12, Ooze Doowah, at 4353 Coloniale (one block south of Mt. Royal).

### Latin American Society:

Invites all members and friends to a very important general meeting in Union 307 at 5 pm.

### ISA Forum:

Submit your articles for the second issue by Wed. Feb. 21 to ISA, Union B-40.

### ELA:

Meeting of all persons interested in working on the ELA-sponsored literary magazine. Arts 240, 12:30-2.

### Women's Fraternity:

Kappa Kappa Gamma. 3637A University Street. All interested girls welcome. Lunch 12-2. Italian dinner 5:30 pm. Come and find out what fraternities are doing at McGill.

### Residence Drama Club:

"Spoon River Anthology" by

Edgar Lee Masters, and Muzeeka by John Guare. 8:30 pm. Sandwich Theatre, Union third floor. Free admission, runs through Sat.

### Christian Science

### Organization:

Regular Meeting at 6 pm, Union 458. All welcome.

### Free Radiograms:

Forms at Union box office for messages to North America and Israel.

### Bahai and Friends:

Important meeting at Union 327 from 12-2. All welcome.

### Gamma Phi Beta

### Sorority:

Are you hungry? The Gamma Phi Beta Sorority invites all girls to have lunch with them from 12-2 pm, 456 Pine W. no.35.

### Happy Birthday

### Comrade Sally!

The first twenty years may have been a morass of liberalism and confused youth culture-ism, but we're around now to make sure the next twenty are even more of a morass — of m-l politics and practice. Love, the gang (m-l).

find out if anything can be done for you, or those who will be coming to McGill. I am a representative of the University Committee on Admissions. I.S.A. lounge, Thursday, February 15, 11-1. Wai Hong Choo.

### Women's Fraternities

Women's Fraternities at McGill are holding 6 days of free lunches and evening entertainment, from Wednesday, Feb. 14 to Feb. 21. All interested girls are invited to come and see what we have to offer you. Check the *Today* column for addresses and times.

### Savoy Society

Anyone interested in constructing and/or painting sets for the Savoy Society's production of the *Gondoliers* please contact Greg at 739-6981 after 6 pm. Experience is an asset but not a requisite. Would involve Friday nights and Saturdays.

### The Residence Drama Club

Ever hear voices from the dead? Come hear residents of a small town cemetery tell their tales, and see an avant-garde comment on Muzak and Vietnam. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, February 15-17, the Residence Drama Club presents readings from *The Spoon River Anthology* and *Muzeeka*. 8:30 sharp in the Sandwich Theatre, Union 3rd floor.

## what's what

### Foreign Students

Any problems, hassles about admission to McGill, past or present? Come and talk about it and





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# letters

## The Zion-Christian Response

## Day Care as a Wrong, not a Right?

## And lots more...

### MUNASA is not a Union

Sir,

As everyone knows, the Scottish and English or whatever make up the McGill hierarchy, have initiated from the Administrative level and through the senior technical staff: the "McGill University Non-Academic Staff Association" (M.U.N.A.S.A.), which has with it the aura of Unionism as its main objective.

The idea of Unionism can only arise as a result of dissatisfaction over wages. If the Administration feels that their wages are unjust, their only action can be to re-evaluate their scales and make salaries satisfactory.

If the technical staff feels cheated in their wages, they will definitely take the initiative themselves to approach the Administration and/or decide for or against creating a Union. As it stands, the technical staff is becoming a member of MUNASA because it contains the hope of a Union: but MUNASA is not a Union.

Whatever the motive of these administrators may be, they have only succeeded in not understanding where they stand, and creating confusion for the technical staff and their relationship to the Administration.

Ezra van Berkorn

### With God on our side

Sir,

I am writing this letter in reply to Mr. Weryho's letter which appeared in your issue of Tuesday, February 13, 1973. I realized from reading his letter that the film, "His Land" which we showed last week in the Ballroom gave the impression that Christians supported the expulsion of the Palestinians from the land now occupied by the state of Israel. Nothing could be further from the truth. Whereas most of the people in our group hold the view that God has preserved the Jewish

people throughout almost twenty centuries of persecution and that He has brought them back to their land for His purposes, we acknowledge that there are other Christians who hold different views. Mr. Weryho, for example as well as the staff member for Quebec Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship, Ramez Atallah, who is an Egyptian. We deplore any of the violent, illegal tactics which the state of Israel may have used to deprive the Palestinians of their land just as strongly as we deplore the racist policies of the South African Churches. It is unfortunate in the extreme that the Palestinians and the Israelis have had to fight and have been unable to cooperate in the settlement of the land which could provide for both of them.

Moreover, we do not deny the sacrifice and dedication of the members of the McGill Student Movement (Maoist). We do, however, disagree most strongly with their methods, for we believe that it is impossible to effect any lasting changes in society by violence. The only lasting change, the one for which we work, is the change effected in an individual by God through Jesus Christ. Unfortunately, many people who call themselves Christians have led lives which show no evidence of any genuine change of this type, but as Jesus said, "You will know my followers by the way they act (i.e. with love and concern for others)" (Matthew 7:16.) Another thing Jesus said was, "If anyone slaps you on your right cheek, let him slap your left one also, and if one of the occupation troops (the Romans; Palestine was occupied then too) forces you to carry his pack one mile, carry it for two" (Matthew 5:39, 41. Violence only causes more violence, even when it is violence directed by the oppressed against his oppressor.

I hope that this letter will clear up some of the misunderstanding which our film seems to have caused.

David Burrows  
President of McGill  
Christian Fellowship

### More insults, please

Sir,

Peering through the Plumber's Pot I noticed the schedule for events for Engineering Week, a banana eating contest; the winner gets 15 bucks and all the bananas he can eat in the next hour, an egg throwing contest and a race to the Mansfield Tavern. These events are ridiculous, immature, dangerous and an insult to the students of McGill. Let's have more of them. By the way, what happened to the famous boat races?

Henry Kaszel  
1G

### The Palestinians "deserve the chance"

Sir,

I read Jan Weryho's letter of 13 February with interest. The writer is humane in his concern for the plight of Palestinian Arabs. I would suggest, however, that the problem is more complex than he makes out.

To be sure, it is hard for a people to live under foreign occupation. The Israelis are not fascist monsters (e.g., not even a single terrorist convicted of murdering Israeli civilians has been executed) but they are occupiers. When Premier Meir questions the position that Palestinian Arabs constitute a people, she is doing both Palestinian peoples—Jewish and Arab—an injustice. Likewise when Al Fatah declares in its founding covenant that only those Jews whose origins in Palestine stem prior to 1917 will have a right to live in their projected "bina-tional" Palestine.

Two of the three most likely candidates to replace Mrs. Meir as Premier (she is 73 or 74 years of age, after all) have stated the desirability of Israel's withdrawal from those occupied areas heavily populated by Arabs. To withdraw from any occupied territory entails a risk for Israel. (For example: under joint pressure from the United States and Soviet Union in 1957, she withdrew from Egyptian territory taken in the 1956 war; Israel then faced a shipping blockade and a massive buildup of troops from that same area in 1967.) Yet Israel must be prepared to take risks to generate trust and a spirit of mutual give-and-take.

There would have been no Palestinian problem, no question of refugees, if Arab Palestinians had joined Jews in accepting the United Nations partition plan of 1947. Unfortunately most accepted instead the leadership of the pro-Nazi Mufti of Jerusalem and the "help" of outside Arab armies intent on destroying Jewish rights in Palestine. When the Egyptian and Transjordan armies were ultimately unsuccessful in defeating Jewish forces, they alternatively gobbled up land allotted to Palestinian Arab sovereignty by the U.S. (i.e., the Gaza Strip and West Bank, respectively).

What I want Mr. Weryho and others to consider is that although Palestinian Arabs were tragically deprived of sovereign rights by both Jews and other Arabs, if Arabs had agreed to accept the legitimacy of Jewish national aspirations in Palestine—excepting a minority of chauvinists and racialists on each side—there would not have been a major conflict. Tragically still, the Palestinians—in so far as a majority of guerrilla groups are in any way representative—remain intransig-

ently negative on Jewish rights. As long as the "Palestinian cause" is so conceived as to deny Israel's right to exist as a sovereign Jewish entity (the only one the Jews have, after all; and although the Palestinians see themselves as a people and therefore deserve the chance to likewise attain sovereignty, as Arabs they have thirteen other states), it invites all-out Israeli efforts in self-defense and unending bloodshed. From a human point of view, (let alone Christian, Jewish, or other) the displacement of three million Jews by two million Arabs does not constitute justice. And this, alas, Mr. Weryho, is what the current activist partisans of Arab Palestinian "liberation" appear to set forth as an alternative to the status quo.

Ralph Seliger  
Sociology MA

### Not a capitalist society?

Sir,

I read your editorial in the *McGill Daily* of February the 13. Let's be honest, this is not a capitalist society. We may hope, even so, that the right to private property is held sacred. We may also hope that the right to invade private property will be recognized for the crime it is, always.

Why is day care a 'right'? Why should McGill University pay one penny for day care?

Greg Fetter

### An Objectivist looks at Day Care

Sir,

Tax-expropriated day "care" in the tender-loving hands of "Liberation" School is a very dubious privilege indeed, not a right. There can be no such thing as a "right" to the forced labour of others, since neither buildings nor playrooms nor day care grow on trees but are produced by the thought and time and labour of human beings. Those who say that they have a "right" to day care are saying that they have a right to the labour of others; since a right is unconditional, this means that they have a right to the labour of others whether these others are willing to provide it or not.

An American politician has said that ecology is rapidly replacing motherhood as the latest issue in politics. He has apparently not been around McGill lately. We have been served a reheated and even more repulsive version of the traditionalists' Motherhood and Apple-pie, this time from their brothers in spirit, the so-called revolutionaries. The same alliance was found in the nineteenth century when aristocrats and socialists were both fighting the object of their common envy, the self-made man (or woman).

Words are one of our most precious tools of thought and knowledge; they have exact precise meanings. They help us identify the facts of reality and the causal connection between them. Some students around campus however (apparently obediently learning from their professors) have been using words for a long time now to mean almost anything, while hoping to retain the emotional impact of the real meaning of the words. Just as they do not wish to create and produce and run their own day care centre whose reputation they would have to build by providing good service but rather wish to take over the reputation that McGill has earned while working to undercut that which gave it a good reputation in the first place, so they take over words with a good or bad reputation rightly earned and use them in contexts where they mean something else.

"Liberation" according to them means the enslavement of the individual to the collective—the tribe, the community, the state—or whoever claims to be its mouth-piece; "security" according to them is dependence on the whims of the government; "blackmail" according to them is the refusal to give someone the benefit of your work, time or money just because he feels like having it; "an evil man" according to them is anyone who has enough independence and integrity to refuse to serve as a means to their ends.

The way these people are attempting to silence the opposition and trying to put something over on the students and citizens is by representing anyone who opposes them as a child-killer at heart. "Surely you can't be against day care!" implies that anyone opposing them is against a good life for babies and children, that they represent the interests of the babies of the world. The correct way of phrasing it would be: "Are you against government-financed (with government control) day care for children?" or rather: "Are you against government-financed (without government control) day care for children?" which is what they are in fact asking and which would be even worse. Morally, no one ought to give his means to others without making sure that he is in agreement with their ends; economically, there would never be enough money to go around for everyone who could get it unconditionally just by asking for it, so that the problem would revert to: who would decide who would get it?

It is time to clarify the issues by asking certain questions:

1. Who pays and is the payment voluntarily obtained or coerced? Who provides the means and

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## MEMORANDUM

To:  
Dean R. Vogel

From:  
Grievance Committee,  
McGill Faculty Union

Re:  
In support of the appeal against the recommendation of the Department of Political Science not to reappoint Pauline Vaillancourt.

*This document was submitted to the Daily for publication by Professor Emmanuel Wallerstein, president of the McGill Faculty Union.*

We feel that the recommendation of the Department that Pauline Vaillancourt, now completing her second appointment at McGill as an Assistant Professor, not be reappointed is arbitrary and a travesty of due process, and cannot be justified on any legitimate academic grounds. We shall argue successively that procedural irregularities are gross, that her academic achievements are superior, and that the recommendation violates principles of equity.

### 1. Procedural irregularities

We pass over minor disagreements about procedure to concentrate on the two central issues: failure of the Department of Political Science to give fair and careful attention to her record prior to arriving at a judgment, and failure of the Department to give adequate reason for their final recommendation.

It is clearly evident from a reading of the transcript of the meeting on Nov. 22, 1972 between Professor Vaillancourt and the Committee on Promotions, Rehiring and Tenure that the Committee, when making their initial recommendation, had not read the two principal writings of Professor Vaillancourt: her dissertation and her important paper on "The Stability of Children's Political Orientations". One member of the Committee indicated he did not even know the name of the sponsor of her dissertation (see transcript, p. 12), which scarcely indicates careful consideration. Since Professor Waller has refused to elaborate on the reaffirmation of the Department's position after the meeting of Nov. 22 there is no evidence that the Committee

as a whole subsequently read these materials. If they have, there is nowhere indicated their evaluation of them. This is not an unsubstantial point to which we shall return in discussing her academic achievements.

Nor did the Committee make adequate efforts to assess her teaching competence. They used formal student evaluations, but did not reveal, if it was ever assessed, how these evaluations stand in comparison to others in the Department. They used only one examination to judge the kind of examinations she offered, and one that Prof. Vaillancourt never offered to them as a representative sample of her work. The item was, for the purposes of the Committee, randomly chosen. The Committee questioned graduate students after their initial recommendation.

Secondly, Professor Waller has repeatedly refused to give a statement of reasons "other than that contained in (the) letter of October 25, 1972" (letter from Prof. Waller, 30 Nov. 1972). We can draw one of two conclusions from this refusal. Either the Department gave no careful attention to the material presented, in which case Professor Vaillancourt's due process was violated. Or they did at that point give careful attention to the writings they previously neglected, and gave more careful attention to the teaching evidence, in which case they cannot simply reaffirm their previous judgment, since the new evidence directly challenged this judgment. They must now tell us whether or not they reject the validity or weight of academic support for Professor Vaillancourt's excellence. They must tell us whether or not they still stand by Prof. Waller's statement of Oct. 25, 1972 that "the Committee's greatest reservation concerns (the) classroom performance." If so, how does that square with the views of the chairman of the Committee, Prof. Mal-

lory, that "most of us will also agree with Mr. Wallerstein's (negative) observations about how reliable (student evaluations) are really." (transcript, p. 14). Perhaps this is no longer their "greatest" reservation. But how may Prof. Vaillancourt know? And if she does not know, how meaningful is it to appeal against an assessment, whose coordinates are unclear?

In her letter of Nov. 6, Prof. Vaillancourt stated that "(T)here is scarcely any possibility of rational discussion without an interchange in which each side justifies its arguments. It is hard to refute unspoken rebuttals of my views." Prof. Vaillancourt appeared before the Committee nonetheless. However, her point remains well-taken, and by refusing to explicate the case, either orally or in writing, the Department has denied her due process. Is it possible that the reason that the Department is so reluctant at this time to spell out their arguments is that they have no valid ones capable of bearing the scrutiny of disinterested parties? It might appear so, as we shall now see from a consideration of Prof. Vaillancourt's substantive achievements.

### II. Academic performance

The usual grounds on which overall academic assessment is made are scholarly achievements, teaching efforts, and administrative contribution. What are the facts with regard to each of these?

#### a) Scholarly achievement

Prof. Vaillancourt has presented evidence that her paper on childhood political socialization drew unsolicited comments of praise from a long list of scholars in the field of socialization. Listed in alphabetical order, they include Paul Abramson, Paul Beck, R.W. Connell, Fred I. Greenstein,

Richard Merelman, Michael Richards, Rodney P. Stiefbold. They represent an impressive galaxy of those *most competent to judge her work*. The most prominent among them, Fred I. Greenstein, said that her article was "unquestionably an important contribution". This article has since been accepted for publication in the *Public Opinion Quarterly*, probably the most prestigious journal publishing articles on this topic.

Prof. Léon Dion, perhaps Quebec's leading political scientist, writes: "Madame Vaillancourt, tout en pouvant utiliser de façon fort compétente toutes les techniques quantitatives de recherche empiriques, manifeste à l'endroit de leur utilisation une sagacité que je voudrais bien voir plus répandue. . . . Pour (toutes) ces raisons, je recommande fortement que le contrat de madame Vaillancourt soit renouvelé ou, selon les normes prévalent à McGill, que la permanence lui soit accordée."

How many members of the Department of Political Science at McGill can present similar testimony of scholarly recognition? Does the Department not agree with Prof. Greenstein that Prof. Vaillancourt's article was "unquestionably an important contribution" or with Prof. Dion that she shows "une sagacité que (l'on) voudrait bien voir plus répandue?" They are not obliged to agree, but in the light of testimony of this degree of strength from persons of this reputation in the field, are they not obliged at least to defend their judgment?

Prof. Vaillancourt's article is assigned regularly in graduate courses in other universities. Of how many members of the Department of Political Science at McGill can that be said? Prof. Vaillancourt's article is recommended from scholar to scholar. Of how many members of the Department of Political Science at McGill can that be said? Prof. Vaillancourt has just been awarded

a grant of \$21,000 for a six-month period for scholarly research. Is there any other member of the Department of Political Science of which this can be said?

One would think that with such a record the Department would feel honoured by her presence. She contributes importantly to the Department's reputation and thereby to McGill's. Is the Department or McGill so rich it can afford so lightly to cast away precisely the kind of person that comparable universities normally seek to obtain for their staff? Why is the Department, instead of rewarding academic excellence, dismissing it?

#### b) Teaching efforts

Considering the fact that Prof. Waller placed greatest emphasis on class-room performance, the Department has failed to present any negative evidence. Asked to demonstrate that student evaluations were lower than the norm, the Department took refuge behind the promise of confidentiality to the students. But Professor Wallerstein pointed out to them on Nov. 22 that all that was required was to list other professors as a, b, c, d, etc. and thereby make a comparison without violating confidentiality (see transcript, p. 14). Has the Department done this? If so, have they ever presented their results to Prof. Vaillancourt and to the Dean?

Beside the Department's assertions without concrete evidence, Prof. Vaillancourt has presented statements by students at McGill and at the Université du Québec of her diligence, devotion, and inspiring competence. Even more impressively, she has offered a letter from Prof. Gaboury of the University of Ottawa, where she has also taught, which indicates that the Department there is "pleinement satisfait" with her teaching. Prof. Gaboury reports that students there have spoken to him of her only "en termes élogieux."

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## letters

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does he (she, they) provide it voluntarily?

2. Who decides the ends? Who has the final decision-making power over how the money is to be spent?

3. Is the function of a government the same as that of a university? Is it the same as that of a nursery?

4. Is the function of a university the same as that of a nursery?

5. What is the function of a government?

6. What is the function of a university and is McGill doing a good job at it?

7. What is the function of a nursery and would Liberation school do a good job at it?

8. What are our children going to be taught and who will decide that?

My children's lives and education and happiness would be too important and too precious for me to leave them in the hands of government bureaucrats' edicts — or in the hands of a clique of leftist power-seekers that talks too little of reason and knowledge and earning and too much of "love" and "social needs" and "sharing" (why doesn't it try to share our ideas for once?), that seems to talk in human voice yet is willing to use brute physical force on others to obtain the means to attain its ends. Theirs is to set the ends, ours is to provide the means; theirs is to decide, ours not to reason why, ours but to do and serve them with a smile.

Capitalism (with its emphasis on free speech, private property, free trade, the sanctity of contractual agreement) is the social system whereby men deal with one another as traders, as independent free men who trade their ideas or goods or services or work or time or money with each other

when they agree and are legally free not to deal with each other when they disagree.

There is another name for the social system whereby some men have legal physical control over the livelihood, the time, the work, the savings (and the children) of other men. One of its many variants is called fascism (remember the government-run Youth camps of Mussolini and Hitler?), another variant is called socialism; its fundamental name, however, is slavery.

Ferial Balassiano-Solway  
Ph.D. French

### A reactionary looks at Day Care

Sir,

It is significant that the Alliance for Child Care did not reveal their real, totalitarian motives until after they had collected over 3,000 signatures for their petition. They are described succinctly in the section subtitled "Children" in the article "We Believe in Day Care" in the *Free Press*, Feb. 6, 1973. (Page 5). It is a veiled attack on the family: the implication, obvious though unstated, is that parents are not competent to decide the future of their children. The "community" in the form of co-operative day-care and nurseries, is.

Their comments on the comparison of day-care against a family relationship are interesting: "...because the average Canadian family has two-point-one children, a child in his isolated home situation does not learn to co-operate with others in a position of equality." Notice that they are not referring to a family in which both parents work, but only to an "average" family. The passage states that "a day-care center can provide just the right balance between too much and too little attention payed (sic) to the individual child" and asserted that parents are usually either pressed

for time or too attentive at home. Just who will decide for each child how much is "too much" attention and how little is "too little"? The people running the day-care center? A State-appointed expert? Your guess is as good as mine.

What is particularly revealing is the organizational model they choose. An article, reprinted from *China Reconstructs* in the *Free Press* of February 2, describes Chinese day-care centers, and is obviously intended to show how the ACC wants a day-care center to be run. In that country, day-care centers and schools specialize in the political indoctrination of small children: "The teachers usually follow the children as they change grades in order to better guide them in the development of their personality and their thinking." From the age of four a particular social idea is constantly drummed into them — "that they are part of the collective," that the "people create the wealth of society, and that they show the greatest dedication for others and the least concern for themselves. Evidently, the ACC's facile assertions of fostering "independence" and a "stable, loving" relationship with others, should be taken with a grain of salt. The ACC is not interested in encouraging real independence in their young charges. Their first target is the child who will not conform, not submit to the will of his peers.

They want *parent control*, they say? OK then: obviously, their kind of day-care center cannot be staffed by all the parents of all the children — this would defeat its stated purpose. Who then decides who shall staff the institution? Since they evidently don't believe that it will eventually be the omnipotent State that will make that decision, it is safe to assume that they would want the parents to be there by a general vote of all the parents which the institution serves. The ACC has never suggested any other way.

d) She has been very active in the McGill Faculty Union, and is presently both its Secretary and its representative to the Conseil Centrale des Syndicats de Montréal;

e) She has been active in the creation and ongoing activity of the Centre Coopératif de Recherche en Politique Sociale;

f) She has served actively as a referee in French and English for the Canadian Journal of Political Science (letter of Prof. Dion).

There cannot be many assistant professors at McGill who can match this record, one achieved while completing a Ph.D. dissertation, be it noted. She has responded to both of Prof. Waller's pleas to the department (made in 1969), that members engage in research on Quebec politics, and that they engage in public policy-oriented research about Montreal or the Province of Quebec. Has any other member of the department, including Prof. Waller himself, done as much?

### III. Equity

At the same time as the Department recommended against the reappointment of Prof. Vail-

lancourt, three other assistant professors were reappointed: one for three years, one for two, one for one. The two latter had already served six years.

No doubt all are worthy of reappointment. But none has completed a dissertation and none has a record of scholarly achievement comparable to Prof. Vaillancourt. If they are worthy of renewal, so is Prof. Vaillancourt.

### IV. Conclusions

There are no valid academic grounds for not reappointing Prof. Vaillancourt. Quite the contrary. One would have thought her dossier to present one of those obvious cases about which there should be little doubt and no hesitation. One might have expected enthusiasm at the prospect of keeping her in the Department. Why truly is this enthusiasm absent?

We request that the Dean recommend reappointment for three years as assistant professor. We request further that the Dean ask the Department to commence immediately consideration, by their normal procedures, of promotion of Prof. Vaillancourt to the rank of associate professor.

Would you care to live in a society where people are voted into positions of near total control over your children, people whose ideas or moral character you may never have a chance to question?

Not signing the Alliance for Child-Care's petition was only part of the struggle against the people on this campus who would

push us closer to the brink of 1984. Anyone who has already signed the ACC's petition, and who still values their freedom or the lives of their children had better repudiate their signature and the idea for which the ACC stands — before it is too late.

Sincerely yours,  
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We contend that teaching skills are hard to evaluate, and should be taken into account only when a person's skills are said to be extremely good or extremely poor. The Department has offered nothing significantly negative, certainly nothing substantiated. Against this, Prof. Vaillancourt has offered specific, affirmative evidence. The Department has no case on these grounds.

### c) Administrative contribution

The contribution of Prof. Vaillancourt has been exceptional, and a model to emulate. Even Prof. Waller was forced to make a bow in this direction (letter of 25 Oct. 1972).

a) She has served as a consultant in methodology to undergraduate and graduate students working with other professors;

b) She has served as a consultant to faculty and students at the Université de Montréal (letter of Helene David);

c) She has represented McGill on the Interuniversity Consortium of Political Research;



# Sports

by john m. robertson

## Baseline Boogie Nets Win

"Mighty fine shootin' ", stated Phil Thompson after the dust had cleared and the debris had been removed from the court. Thompson, better known to the basketball public as "The Derringer", was boogey-eyed and flabbergasted by the awesome display put on by the Redmen basketballers in their league encounter with the Laval Rouge et Or at the Currie Gymnasium Tuesday. The finale read like a Horatio Alger story as McGill finished topside of a 96-70 count.

Following the game, the consensus of those who are "au courant" in high QUAA basketball circles was that the next home of the McGill basketballers to come should be named the "House that Kennard Built". It was Kit Kennard's play that kept the 25 faithful ones on their feet throughout the matchup. Before we embark on an in-depth analysis of the exploits of Kit Kennard let us switch to a less studied but equally important aspect of the game, that of the world of Basketball Abstracts.

I use this terminology for lack of a clearer form of expression. It is pertinent to look at the "Rags to Riches" fortunes of our basketballers. While coach Jumpin' Sam Flash attributes this rise in fortune to "good coaching," one of the better known personalities on the team, Jim "Trigger" Logan articulated the feelings among the players themselves. Admonished Trigger, "We were inspired by Ira's (assistant coach Turetsky) suit." For the first game in as long as anyone can remember, Turetsky outclassed Sam in the clothing department.

Turetsky himself would only comment, "No comment," but one of the referees was less reticent as he referred to the whole incident as "haberdashery". Even the fans became involved as one noted that, "he must have had a job interview." The public need not concern itself though, as word from the top has it that Ira is in no jeopardy of being replaced by a peanut vendor from Madison Square Garden.

Kit Kennard, Redmen center, shot a torrid 63% from the field as he hooped 19 of 30 attempts and finished off the night with a season team high and a personal best 44 points. While he was maintaining his scoring pace, Kennard also dominated the defensive aspect of the game as he grappled for a game high 18 rebounds.

If we are to discuss the feats of Kennard we cannot leave out the formidable supporting cast. In the Good Samaritan Department, the back court duo of Joe "Loco

Weed" Prah and Dave "Cultured Pearl" Yarock combined for an incredible handout of 21 assists.

In addition, they totalled 26 points between them, bringing their final accounting of points to 68. Individually, Prah tallied 10 points and 14 assists while Yarock threw in 8 for 11 from the field for 16 and doled out 7 examples of aid to underscoring players.

Moving down the roster, Jeff Sahimerdan, scored 8 points, pulled 5 rebounds and set up 4 baskets with some pin-point passing and Dave "Swish" Kassie regained his old form as he succeeded on 4 of his 5 field goal tries for 8 points. It was only Kassie's fine shooting that made up for the fact that he committed the unpardonable basketball sin in his one field goal failure, that being the shooting of the "Air Ball". An air ball is one that touches nothing but oxygen and brings into question the mere right of the offending players to remain on the court.

Up until this point we've been speaking in glowing terms of the entire scenario and its players, so one must ultimately deal with "le mal" as well. The weekly "LaPire Award" has to go to a previously mentioned personality, Trigger Logan. Moments before the game it was erroneously reported to Trigger that there had been a death in the "family".

Some vicious rumour spreader reported that Roy Rogers, well-known "Happy Trails" cowboy had gone to that great cattle drive in the sky. When Logan learned the truth, late in the third quarter, it was too late to repair irreparable damage and Jim was ruthlessly yanked from the game just as he was in the process of yet another turnover. The only thing that seemed to go right for T.L. all night was his infamous hook shot which accounted for a meagre 6 points and lots of heartaches.

The Redmen close out their season this Friday night at home at 8:00 pm against the Bishop Gaiters. The Fans are of essence, so be there, you hear.

**Baseline Drives:** F. Schell, the Kafka-like player known to his teammates simply as "F" played in both halves as well as netting 2 points on a short-range bomb. One fan commented, "In the first half, that's amazing," in direct reference to the fact that it was F's first known appearance during the opening 20 minutes of a game.

Congratulations are extended to Howard Drobetsky, who managed to "break his doughnut" with a shot at the charity line. Breaking one's doughnut is synonymous with ending the game with an

excess of 0 points to your credit. A close examination of doughnuts reveals them to be in the shape of zero from which the term is derived. Players not breaking their doughnuts in the game were Cliff Bochner and Kevin Walsh.

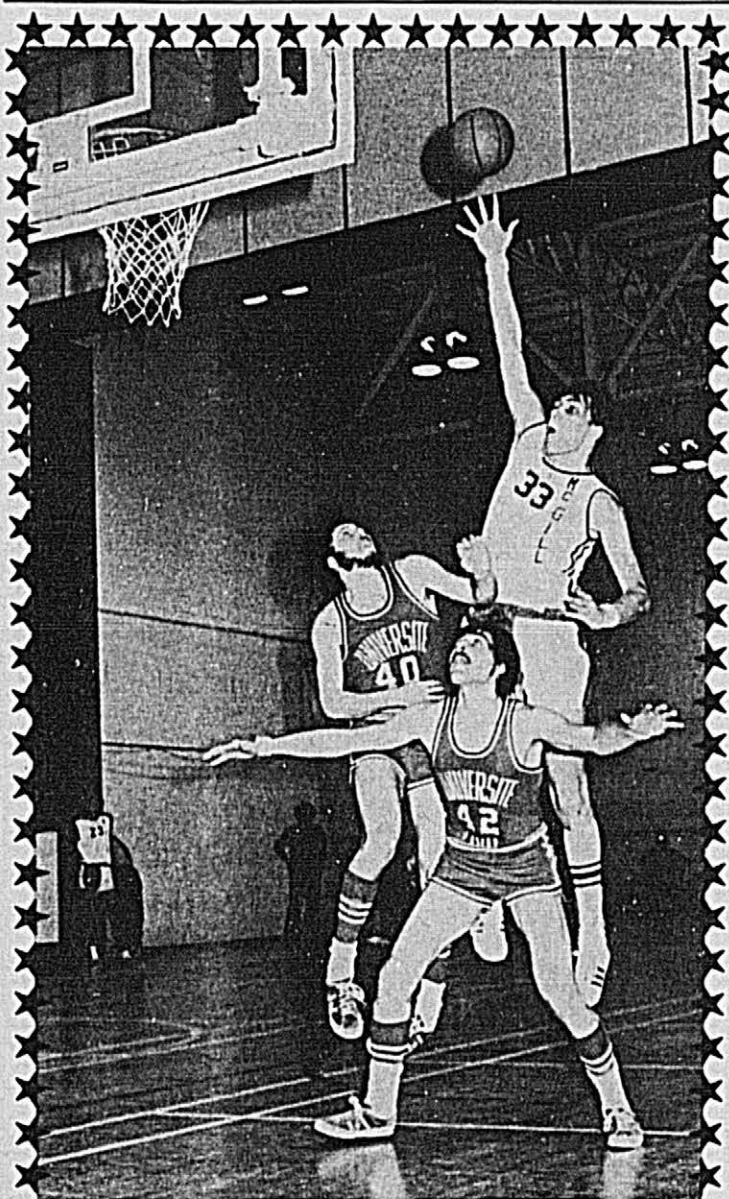
## Curler champs

One of the least-known teams at McGill came home last weekend victorious. The McGill Women's Curling Team, consisting of Fran Collinson (skip), Laurie Ross (third), Laura Davis (second), and Rachel Kassner (lead), took first place in the annual Ontario Women's Intercollegiate Curling Championships in Guelph, Ontario. When the two-day competition was over, McGill had a perfect record of five wins, no losses over second-place Western, whose record was three wins, two losses.

McGill walked all over three other teams as well—Waterloo Lutheran, Trent, and the University of Toronto. The closest game was that against the University of Windsor, where McGill came from behind to steal two on an extra end, thus ensuring the championship. McGill had previously won the Eastern Division Championships in Ottawa, beating Trent, Queen's, Carleton and suffering their one and only loss at the hands of the University of Toronto, 8-7.

Perhaps the reason for their success, is the fact that the entire team is composed of champions. Fran Collinson plays third on Lee Tobin's Quebec Provincial team, which will be playing in the Nationals in Charlottetown, P.E.I. starting February 24. Laurie Ross, Laura Davis, and Rachel Kassner were on the Quebec Junior Girls' team which played in the Nationals last year in Winnipeg. This weekend, Laurie and Laura will travel to Quebec City to defend their title as provincial champions. To top it all off, the coach, Shirley Whyte, was on the Quebec Mixed Provincial Team, which played in the Nationals last year in Thunder Bay.

The highlight of the weekend for the team, was carrying the Ontario trophy into Quebec. This is the first time the trophy has been out of that province. To return the trophy to their own province, we can be sure next year that the Ontario universities will be out to defeat McGill.



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KIT KENNARD, Redmen basketball center, rises over hapless Laval defenders to bucket two of his season's high 44 points. Kennard turned in a dazzling performance that was complemented by the backcourt assist duo of "Loco Weed" and "Cultured Pearl", who between the two of them had a hand in 68 of the Redmen's 96 points.

by nancy lagodich

## Women's sports

### Hockey

On Feb. 12, the Supersquaws faced the powerful team from Queen's in a gruelling match. The tight defense of the opposition fouled McGill's offensive plays so that McGill was only able to squeeze out the one goal scored by Marilyn Staines. The third period found Queen's ahead 3-1. With four seconds left of game time, a pile-up of players pulled the puck into the McGill net, defeating the Supersquaws 4-1.

This weekend, the Pink Pucksters journey to Queens for the OWIAA championships, concluding league competition. On Feb. 21, an exhibition game against Loyola will be held at the Winter Stadium.

### Volleyball


That finesse, that superb team work, those lightning-quick reflexes of the volleyball team reached their ultimate in the battle against the formidable U. of Quebec team. McGill easily won the first game, but because of some bad calling and slow

recovering, lost the second. In the third match, Quebec grabbed an early lead and at one point was smearing the Supersquaws 14-8, but that wasn't the end. Barb Dawson, with her strategically placed spikes and well timed blocks, was able to boost the score. Ida Chow and Betty Koch set spikers Pam Richardson, Sue Macdonald, and Wendy Linton to pass Quebec 15-14. Both teams fidgeted, sending serves into the net. Quebec sneaked in one point to even the score 15-15. "Enough of this," McGill exclaimed and won the game 17-15.

The Supersquaws have style. For the first portion of a game they stumble and blunder and drastically fall behind. Then, all of a sudden, they leap into action and win the match. It's all psychological. Take the MacJac game, for instance. Lagging 12-1, the Supersquaws forced a 15-13 victory.

The victory over Quebec places McGill second in the Play-offs to be played at Laval; Feb. 17. Next Tuesday, McGill plays Vanier in an exhibition game.





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